Open irrigation wells in Maharashtra

2261. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of open irrigation wells provided to small and marginal farmers in Maharashtra during 1998 and 1999, district-wise; and

(b) what is the number of Scheduled Castes and Adivasis covered under this scheme in State during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Till 31.3.1999, open irrigation wells were provided to persons below poverty line either free of cost under the Million Wells Scheme (MWS) or a source of irrigation including open irrigation wells through a mix of credit and subsidy under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The district-wise details of such wells provided under MWS in Maharashtra during 1997-98 and 1998-99 are given in the statement (*See* below). The number of wells constructed under IRDP was not monitored.

(b) Of the wells provided under MWS, the number of wells for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe in Maharashtra were 37650 and 33880 respectively during 1997-98 and 35512 and 29580 respectively during 1998-99.

Statement

District-wise details of wells constructed under the erstwhile Million Wells Scheme (MWS)during 1997-98 and 1998-99 in Maharashtra.

Name of the District	1997-98	1998-99
1. Ahmednagar	199	572
2. Akola	683	335
3. Amravati	69	147
4. Aurangabad	221	154
5. Beed	194	192
6. Bhandara	581	418
7. Buldhana	181	125
8. Chandrapur	216	386
9. Dhule	602	1009
10. Gadh Chiroli	475	177
11. Jalgaon	471	430
12. Jalna	215	178
13. Kolhapur	192	220
14. Latur	268	128

Name of the District	1997-98	1998-99
15. Nagpur	380	154
16. Nanded	552	424
17. Nasik	603	687
18. Osmanabad	310	312
19. Parbhani	336	289
20. Pune	192	134
21. Raigad	110	133
22. Ratnagiri	54	51
23. Sangli	101	104
24. Satara	117	89
25. Sindhudurg	16	20
26. Sholapur	282	330
27. Thane	189	322
28. Wardha	132	386
29. Yavatmal	383	337
TOTAL:	8324	8243

Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas in Maharashtra

2262. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT to be pleased to State:

(a) the number of villages covered in Maharashtra, district-wise, under the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas Scheme;

(b) whether any special survey has been made in Adivasi districts of the State;

(c) if so, whether any special assistance is being given to those Adivasi districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) All the villages in Maharashtra were covered under the scheme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA). From 1.4.99 this scheme has been merged into a comprehensive scheme called Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), which is also being implemented in all the villages in Maharashtra.

(b) No special survey has been conducted in Adivasi districts of the Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.